

## COUNTRY DATA: Togo : Information from the CIA World Factbook

### INTRODUCTION

French Togoland became Togo in 1960. Gen. Gnassingbe EYADEMA, installed as military ruler in 1967, ruled Togo with a heavy hand for almost four decades. Despite the facade of multiparty elections instituted in the early 1990s, the government was largely dominated by President EYADEMA, whose Rally of the Togolese People (RPT) party has maintained power almost continually since 1967 and maintains a majority of seats in today's legislature. Upon EYADEMA's death in February 2005, the military installed the president's son, Faure GNASSINGBE, and then engineered his formal election two months later. Democratic gains since then allowed Togo to hold its first relatively free and fair legislative elections in October 2007. After years of political unrest and condemnation from international organizations for human rights abuses, Togo is finally being re-welcomed into the international community.

### GEOGRAPHY

<b>Location</b>	Western Africa, bordering the Bight of Benin, between Benin and Ghana
<b>Area</b>	total: 56,785 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	tropical; hot, humid in south; semiarid in north
<b>Natural Resources</b>	phosphates, limestone, marble, arable land
<b>Total Renewable Water Resources</b>	14.7 cu km (2001)
<b>Freshwater Withdrawal</b>	total: 0.17 cu km/yr (53%/2%/45%) per capita: 28 cu m/yr (2000)
<b>Natural Hazards</b>	hot, dry harmattan wind can reduce visibility in north during winter; periodic droughts
<b>Environmental Issues</b>	deforestation attributable to slash-and-burn agriculture and the use of wood for fuel; water pollution presents health hazards and hinders the fishing industry; air pollution increasing in urban areas

### PEOPLE

<b>Population</b>	6,771,993 (July 2011 est.)
<b>Ethnic Groups</b>	African (37 tribes; largest and most important are Ewe, Mina, and Kabre) 99%, European and Syrian-Lebanese less than 1%
<b>Religions</b>	Christian 29%, Muslim 20%, indigenous beliefs 51%

<b>Languages</b>	French (official, the language of commerce), Ewe and Mina (the two major African languages in the south), Kabye (sometimes spelled Kabiye) and Dagomba (the two major African languages in the north)
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	definition: age 15 and over can read and write total population: 60.9% male: 75.4% female: 46.9% (2003 est.)
<b>Major Infectious Diseases</b>	degree of risk: very high food or waterborne diseases: bacterial and protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis A, and typhoid fever vectorborne diseases: malaria and yellow fever water contact disease: schistosomiasis respiratory disease: meningococcal meningitis animal contact disease: rabies <i>note:</i> highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza has been identified in this country; it poses a negligible risk with extremely rare cases possible among US citizens who have close contact with birds (2009)
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	
<b>Type</b>	republic under transition to multiparty democratic rule
<b>Independence</b>	27 April 1960 (from French-administered UN trusteeship)
<b>Constitution</b>	adopted by public referendum 27 September 1992
<b>Legal System</b>	customary law system
<b>ECONOMY</b>	
<b>Agricultural Products</b>	coffee, cocoa, cotton, yams, cassava (tapioca), corn, beans, rice, millet, sorghum; livestock; fish
<b>Industries</b>	phosphate mining, agricultural processing, cement, handicrafts, textiles, beverages
<b>Import commodities</b>	machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, petroleum products
<b>Import Partners</b>	China 48%, France 8.3%, US 6.1% (2010)
<b>Export Commodities</b>	reexports, cotton, phosphates, coffee, cocoa
<b>Export Partners</b>	India 12.7%, Germany 12.2%, Benin 9.8%, Ghana 9.7%, Burkina Faso 9.1%, China 5.1%, Belgium 4.9%, Niger 4.6%, Nigeria 4.3% (2010)
<b>Per Capita GDP</b>	\$900 (2010 est.)
<b>Population below poverty line</b>	32% (1989 est.)

\*CITATIONS: All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.

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<b>General</b>	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	63.3
Average number of years in School (in years)	5.3
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	844
<b>Gender Inequality</b>	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	11.1
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	15.3
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	45.1
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	64.6
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	86.4
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	62
<b>Poverty</b>	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	37.8
<b>Empowerment</b>	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	22
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	19

<b>Sustainability</b>	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	13
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	85
Population without Access to Water (%)	40
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	88
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	Less than .01
<b>Human Security</b>	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	16,800
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	Less than 2
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	37
<b>Demographics</b>	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	43.4
<b>Health</b>	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	2.4
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	.8
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	3.3
<b>Other</b>	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	51
Population without Electricity (%)	83.6

